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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM - U.S.-CANADA MARITIME

BOUNDARIES

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM MONROE LEIGH

1. MR. JAMIESON HAS ASKED TO SEE YOU IN BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS FISHERIES/BOUNDARIES ISSUES. HE WILL BE PRESSING YOU TO AGREE TO JOINT U.S.-CANADIAN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT THROUGHOUT GEORGES BANK. HARTMAN HAS SENT YOU A MEMORANDUM WHICH EXPLAINS WHY YOU SHOULD REJECT THIS POSITION.

2. I WANT TO ENSORSE TOM ENDERS' VIEW (REFTEL) AND CONVEY TO YOU MY STRONG MISGIVINGS OVER CANADA'S TACTICS ON THIS MATTER. PURSUANT TO YOUR UNDERSTANDING WITH JAMIESON ON OCTOBER 15 THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD, INTER ALIA, SEEK TO NEGOTIATE A COMPROMISE BOUNDARY LINE

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IN THE GULF OF MAINE, I HAVE THREE TIMES REQUESTED MY

CANADIAN COUNTERPART TO MEET. HE HAS DECLINED EACH TIME AND NO BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE YOUR LAST MEETING WITH JAMIESON. THE REASON FOR THIS FOOT-DRAGGING IS NOW APPARENT. ALAN BEASLEY (CANADA'S TOUGH LOS NEGOTIATOR) HAS RECENTLY RETURNED TO OTTAWA AS DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY IN EXTAFF AND HAS APPARENTLY TAKEN CHARGE OF THE BOUNDARY/FISHERIES ISSUE. BEASLEY HAS TOLD TOM ENDERS (REFTEL) THAT CANADA IS PRESSING JOINT MANAGEMENT IN THE INTERIM FISHERIES AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEIR RIGHT TO CLAIM A BOUNDARY LINE WELL SOUTH OF THE EQUIDISTANCE LINE SHOULD THAT BE NECESSARY. FURTHER, BEASLEY QUESTIONS WHETHER YOUR UNDERSTANDING WITH JAMIESON IS STILL RELEVANT AS THE TWO OF YOU HAVE NOT AGREED ON ITS MEANING. OBVIOUSLY THE CANADIANS CANNOT BEGIN NEGOTIATION OF A COMPROMISE BOUNDARY IF THEY ARE SEEKING TO PRESERVE A POTENTIAL CLAIM TO THE WHOLE OF GEORGES BANK.

3. ENDERS DOUBTS THAT JAMIESON FULLY SUPPORTS BEASLEY'S EFFORT TO UNRAVEL YOUR UNDERSTANDINGS AS JAMIESON TOLD ENDERS THAT HE IS NOT CONVINCED JOINT MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES IS ESSENTIAL (REFTEL). IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU TAKE A FIRM LINE WITH JAMIESON BY REJECTING THE PROPOSAL FOR JOINT MANAGEMENT AND BY PRESSING HIM TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR A COMPROMISE BOUNDARY WHILE WE DISCUSS FISHERIES ISSUES. YOU ARE ENTITLED TO IMPRESS UPON HIM THAT IT WOULD BE COMPLETELY UNREALISTIC, AND INCONSISTENT WITH GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS, FOR CANADA TO RESERVE A CLAIM TO THE WHOLE OF GEORGES BANK. ROBINSON

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